

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, January 24, 2020

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

... *that they might be with him. (Mark 3:14)*

Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection was a seventeenth-century lay Carmelite who devoted his life to “practicing” the presence of God. In other words, he tried to accomplish every task, even the most mundane, with an abiding awareness of God’s presence.

In his own way, Brother Lawrence captured the heart of today’s Gospel reading. Jesus brought his disciples away from a big crowd and chose twelve of them to be his special messengers. Yet as Mark describes it, Jesus didn’t start by giving them all sorts of power or by telling them to get out there and work hard. According to Mark, their first call was simply to “be with” Jesus (3:14).

This doesn’t sound very glamorous, does it? The disciples were probably used to being in the middle of the action, watching people get healed and delivered. And yet Jesus knew that they couldn’t maintain their pace—or retain their sense of peace—without spending time with him.

Have you ever felt the call to just “be” with the Lord? Sometimes, it’s a nudge to simplify your schedule to focus on the important things in life. But most of the time, it comes in the subtle twists and turns of life. These life changes can be very challenging for any number of reasons. But in the midst of them, you can listen for God’s still, small voice inviting you to spend more time with him.

Today, you might be feeling like the disciples did when Jesus took them away from all the activity of the crowd—perhaps a little hesitant and reluctant. We like to be busy and active. But just remember that Jesus is calling you to something even better, something that will make you even more effective when the time comes to serve again. So listen for his call, and when it comes, simply say, “Lord, I want to be with you. Help me to draw close in this season of stillness.”

“Lord, help me to learn to rest in you.”

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Anthony Bui! Celebrating a birthday this weekend is Molly Muller!
- Today is day 4 of the advisement schedule.
- The Fighting Irish varsity men’s basketball team defeated Richton 61-32 last night to improve to 16 wins and 5 losses. Nick Krass led the Irish with 18 points, Drew Roth added 15 and Michael Fitzpatrick had 12 points and 9 rebounds. Robert VanHorn, Briggs Menendez, and Rhett Jones played well for the team. The Irish travels to Collins tonight.

- The Fighting Irish men's basketball team also defeated Richton in JV action last night 60-20. Ryan Roth led the team in scoring with 14 points, Landon Jenkins added 13 points and Isaiah Jefferson scored 10 points. Great job by the Irish.
- All robotics members are expected to stay after school today to set up for our LEGO tournament. Meet in the gym for set up today. We will also begin tomorrow at 7:30am. Wear jeans and the safety green (bright yellow) shirt with closed toe shoes, and bring your supplies with you in the morning.